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1. The Panzerreparaturwerkstatt Kirchmöser overhauled 102 tanks in September 1953 and furnished new engines and tracks to eight heavy prime movers.
2. The works received 145 crankshafts from West Germany in September, about 80 of which were forwarded on to Neu-Brandenburg. They are said to have been brought to Magdeburg via the express highway. They probably are Horch crankshafts that were delivered by a firm in Remscheidt.
3. Twenty-two of the repaired tanks were turned over to the Volkspolizei and are stationed at Priemerwald, Mecklenburg.
4. Deliveries of material are received from the SAG AMO Polysius, at Dessau. Engines and running gear for light tanks and the new Stalin T-III are delivered from the Soviet Union. A firm in Thuringia furnishes seats. The tanks, mostly T-34s, in part have no practicable seats. All the switchboxes come from the Hüttenwerk Thale. Radiators, new aiming devices and separate armored parts, are fabricated at Kirchmöser.
5. Among the overhauled tanks were six equipped with flame throwers. They were transported by rail towards Gardelegen on 24 Sep 53.

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